

Services for Youth with Learning and Developmental Disabilities

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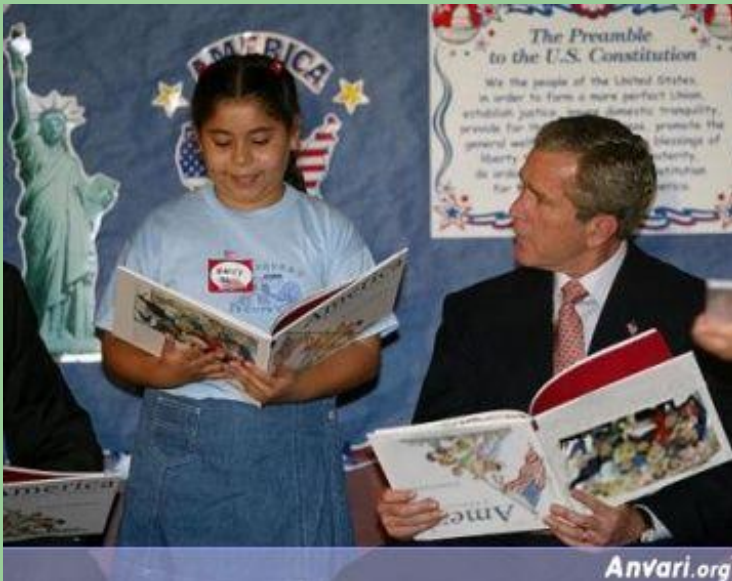
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Education and Developmental Services



Overview

- Developmental Disability versus Learning Delay
- Identifying Youth with DD/LD
- Addressing Youth with Developmental Disabilities
- Addressing Youth with Learning Disabilities
- Services Provided by Regional Center
- Other Available Support and Services

Defining the Population – Delays v. Disabilities

- **Developmental Disability** – severe chronic disability of mental or mental as well as physical combined
- **Developmental Delay** -- often a consequence of a temporary illness or trauma during childhood
- **Learning disability** – significant discrepancy between a child's intellectual ability and his/her performance

Identifying Youth with DD/LD

- Newly detained children have developmental screening performed at HUB
- Developmental Milestones Guides for CSWs (youth 0-5)
- Youth who are struggling in school referred for Individual Education Plan assessment
- Education Consultant or PHN identification
- CSW identification and referral to Regional Center

Addressing Disabilities and Delays

- Department Training – In-service and Core Academy training for CSWs
- MAT Assessments
- Child and Family Team Meetings
- Education Policy
- IEP Assessments/Meetings
- Case Planning with Regional Center staff

Regional Center Children – Highest Service Level Offices

- 1,229* Regional Center children are served by Childrens' Social Workers (Data as of 10/1/2013)
- North LA County Regional Center in San Fernando Valley serves the highest number of DCFS youth

Office	Children with RC Indicator
Medical Placement Units	256
Glendora	104
Compton	77
South County	77
Palmdale	75
Wateridge	73
Pasadena	70
Metro North	67

Services Provided by Regional Center

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Assessment and diagnosis
- Counseling
- Lifelong individualized planning and service coordination
- Purchase of necessary services included in the individual program plan (including housing)
- Assistance in finding and using community and other resources
- Early intervention services for at risk infants and their families
- Planning, placement, and monitoring for 24-hour out-of-home care

Education Supports and Services

- Early Education
 - HeadStart, LAUSD, LAUP (referrals curriculum and assessment)
 - Assessments Pilot with 211
- School Districts
 - IEP
 - Academic Support – Tutoring/Homework Clubs
 - Pilot Wellness Centers (LAUSD)
- DCFS Partnerships and Services
 - Foster Youth Education Program(outstationed social workers at 18 schools)
 - LAUSD DCFS Student Information Tracking System
 - Academic Remediation Services – Children Youth and Families Collaborative
 - LACOE Education Counselors Outstationed in Regional Offices
 - Education Consultants – Education Advocacy and Assessments for DCFS Youth

Data and Outcomes

- 50% of foster youth score in the lowest CA Standardized Test brackets compared to 25% of the general population
- 50% of the DCFS referrals to regional center are determined eligible
- Majority of Education issues addressed by Ed Consultants related to IEPs and Academic Performance
- Majority of Ed Consultant assessments for 241.1 youth determined learning deficits and history of unresolved education issues

Continued Success for DCFS Youth

